

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Nguyen-Ba on August 15, 2006. In that interview, applicants' attorney and the Examiner agreed that the cited prior art does not teach a page-specific editing function activated by a page-related icon element. Accordingly, in this amendment, all independent claims have been modified to add this element. These amendments are described more specifically below in relation to the formal rejections directed to specific claims.

I. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-22, 25 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-22, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreitman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,388), hereinafter Kreitman, in view of Mander et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/018277), hereinafter Mander.

Independent claims 1, 13, 18, 19 and 25 have been amended. Independent claim 26 has been canceled.

Claim 1, as amended, recites the element of an icon comprising "at least one active region on said object image capable of activating a page-specific editing function related to said document page in response to user input through said input device." This element is not present in the combination of Kreitman and Mander. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable in its amended form.

Claims 3-5, 7-9, and 11-12 are dependent on claim 1 and comprise all the elements therein. Accordingly, these claims are allowable for the same reasons as enunciated for claim 1.

Independent claim 13, as amended, incorporates the element of an icon comprising "active regions on said three-dimensional object images, said active

regions capable of activating a page-specific editing function related to the page to which said active regions are related in response to user input.” The combination of Kreitman and Mander does not disclose this element. Therefore claim 13 is allowable in amended form.

Claims 15-17 are dependent on claim 13 and comprise all the elements therein claim 13, and accordingly are allowable for the same reasons as claim 13.

Independent claim 18, as amended, incorporates the element of “wherein each of said series of object images comprises an active region capable of activating a page-specific editing function related to the page to which said object image is associated upon user input.” The combination of Mander and Kreitman does not disclose this element. Claims 18, as amended, is therefore allowable.

Independent claim 19, as amended, incorporates the element of “active regions on said object images, said active regions capable of activating page-specific editing functions for the pages represented by said object images in response to user input.” The combination of Mander and Kreitman does not disclose this element. Claim 19, as amended, is therefore allowable.

Claims 20-22 are dependent on claim 19 and comprise all the elements therein. Accordingly, these claims are allowable for the same reasons as claim 19.

Independent claim 25, as amended, incorporates the element of “an active region on said object image capable of activating a page-specific editing functions related to said page in response to user input.” The combination of Mander and Kreitman does not disclose this element. Applicant respectfully requests that amended claim 25 be allowed.

II. Claims 2, 10 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The examiner has rejected claims 2, 10 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreitman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,388), hereinafter Kreitman,

in view of Mander et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/018277), hereinafter Mander, in further view of Hahn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,751,287), hereinafter Hahn.

Dependent claims 2 and 10 are dependent on claim 1, which has been amended, and comprise all the elements therein. Amended claim 1 recites the element of an icon comprising “at least one active region on said object image capable of activating page-specific editing function related to said document page in response to user input through said input device.” This element is not present in the combination of Kreitman, Mander and Hahn. Accordingly, claims 2 and 10 are currently allowable.

Claim 14, as amended, is dependent on claim 13, which has been amended, and comprises all the elements therein. Independent claim 13, as amended, incorporates the element of an icon comprising “active regions on said three-dimensional object images, said active regions capable of activating a page-specific editing function related to the page to which said active regions are related in response to user input.” The combination of Kreitman, Mander and Hahn does not disclose this element. Accordingly, claim 14 is currently allowable.

III. Claims 6, 23 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The examiner has rejected claims 6, 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreitman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,388), hereinafter Kreitman, in view of Mander et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/018277), hereinafter Mander, in further view of Microsoft® Windows NT, version 4.0, © 1981-1999 Microsoft Corp., hereinafter Microsoft.

Claim 6 is dependent on claim 1, which has been amended, and comprises all the elements therein. Amended claim 1 recites the element of an icon comprising “at least one active region on each of said at least one three-dimensional object images, said active region capable of activating a page-specific editing function in response to user

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input through said input device.” This element is not present in the combination of Kreitman, Mander and Microsoft. Accordingly, claim 6 is currently allowable.

Claim 23 is dependent on claim 19, which has been amended. Claim 24 is dependent on claim 19 through claim 23. Claims 23 and 24 therefore comprise all the elements therein claim 19. Independent claim 19, as amended, incorporates the element of “active regions on said object images, said active regions capable of activating page-specific editing functions for the pages represented by said object images in response to user input.” The combination of Mander, Kreitman and Microsoft does not disclose this element. Accordingly, claims 23 and 24 are currently allowable.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the claims, as amended, be allowed in their current condition.

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